

REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Final Office Action dated September 29, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Summary of Rejections

Claims 1-23 were pending at the time of the Office Action.

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sachse et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,985,901).

Summary of Response

Claims 1, 4, 6, 11-13, 16, 18-20, 22, and 23 are currently amended.

Claims 2-3, 5, 7-10, 14-15, 17, and 21 have been canceled.

Claims 24-34 are newly added.

Remarks and Arguments are provided below.

Summary of Claims Pending

Claims 1, 4, 6, 11-13, 16, 18-20, and 22-34 are currently pending following this response.

Interview on February 2, 2007

Applicants thank Examiners Ali and Ahluwalia for taking the time to discuss the

present disclosure and the applied art on February 2, 2007. As discussed in the interview, the present disclosure is related to loading realistic test data into a database in a test environment. Using a data loading tool, data is read from a system database and copied into a test database. The data loading tool comprises an initialization component, a control generator, an extractor component, and a loader component. The initialization component receives a request for data and identifies the requested data using a primary key of a first table. The initialization component identifies any data relationally associated with the requested data using one or more secondary keys of the first table. Using the one or more secondary keys, additional tables relationally associated to the first table and additional data relationally associated with the requested data may be identified. The initialization component then generates a load file indicating a record of each table, key, and any corresponding data for each requested data record and each data record relationally associated with each requested data record. By using the primary key and one or more secondary keys, the data maintains its relational integrity in the load file. The control generator generates control files for extracting and/or loading data from the system database to the test database. The extractor component utilizes the load file to extract the requested and related data from the system database and the loader component loads the extracted data into the test database based on the generated control files while maintaining the relational integrity of the system database.

The Examiners had suggested that the claims be amended to clarify that the "key of a first table" is a primary key of the first table and that the "at least one key

related to the key of the first table” is a secondary key of the first table. Applicants have further amended the claims to clarify that the secondary key of the first table is utilized to identify a second table relationally associated with the first table such that the data loaded into the target database maintains the relational integrity of the source database.

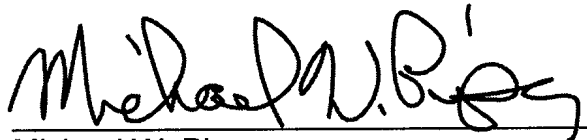
Applicants assert that the previous grounds of rejection by United States Patent No. 6,985,901 to Sachse et al. is moot in light of the amendments presented herein and discussed in the interview on February 2, 2007.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

Respectfully submitted,

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